

BEFORE THE  
POSTAL RATE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 20268

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In the Matter of:

Imperial, Texas 79743  
Post Office State ZIP Code

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: POSTAL RATE COMMISSION  
DOCKET NUMBER A2012-116  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Nellie McDowell, Petitioner(s) :

PARTICIPANT STATEMENT

1. Petitioner(s) are appealing the Postal Service's Final Determination concerning the Imperial post office. The Final Determination was posted 12/09/11.  
(date)

2. In accordance with applicable law, 39 U.S.C. § 404(d)(5), the Petitioner(s) request the Postal Regulatory Commission to review the Postal Service's determination on the basis of the record before the Postal Service in the making of the determination.

3. Petitioners: Please set out below the reasons why you believe the Postal Service's Final Determination should be reversed and returned to the Postal Service for further consideration. (See pages of the Instructions for an outline of the kinds of reasons the law requires us to consider.) Please be as specific as possible. Please continue on additional paper if you need more space and attach the additional page(s) to this form.

The "facts" the Postal Service used to determine final determination are not based on complete information, or are not true. For example:  
In reference to document docket 1307868-79743, item #47, on page 2, it was stated that the postmaster position became vacant when the postmaster retired on August 1, 2009. This can not be true because the postmaster at Imperial

at that time, Mr. Treviño, did not retire, but was made Officer in Charge of the Fort Stockton post office, and then he applied for and was hired for the postmaster position there. So apparently, there was no "retirement" from Imperial, and obviously no hiring freeze in general.

Also, this office in Imperial was studied during a time of year when many members of the community were out of town. The timing affected the outcome of the study.

Finally, the study did not accurately portray the hardship that would be inflicted on the elderly and poor members of our community. We will possibly be 30 miles from the nearest post office. We have people in our community who do not own a vehicle. Our post office is a central point for dissemination of community information and events.

Please consider the importance of our post office to the community of Imperial when making your decision.